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LD 1432

Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to LD 1432, “An Act to Remove Consideration of Gender Identity from the Maine Human Rights Act.”

This bill would eliminate legal protections for transgender and non-binary individuals in Maine, stripping them of recourse against discrimination in employment, housing, education, credit, and public accommodations. That is not neutrality—it is targeted harm.

Since 2005, Maine has recognized that protecting people based on gender identity is essential to ensuring equal treatment under the law. LD 1432 would roll back nearly two decades of progress and send a devastating message: that transgender people are no longer worthy of the most basic civil rights.

Removing gender identity from the Human Rights Act would not make anyone safer or more free. It would give employers, landlords, schools, and businesses license to discriminate—whether by firing someone for being trans, denying them housing, or turning them away from public services. That is not the Maine I know.

This bill also flies in the face of established legal precedent and medical consensus. Transgender people are not a threat; they are our neighbors, co-workers, classmates, and family members. And like everyone else, they deserve to live without fear of legally sanctioned mistreatment.

LD 1432 is an attack on human dignity and equal protection. I urge you to reject it and reaffirm Maine’s commitment to justice for all.

Thank you for your consideration.